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Summary of Action of the National Board of Managers and the Executive Committee at the 1935 National Convention*

DISCUSSIONS of the National Board of Managers at the National Convention in Miami, generally speaking, centered about organization procedures, problems of administration, new materials, and other matters vitally important to the efficient functioning of the entire Congress. Many troublesome questions, such as the attitude of the Congress toward academic freedom, motion pictures, and the problem of handling socalled "delinquent" dues, came in for lengthy discussions before conclusions finally were reached. Each decision was carefully made with an eye to its ultimate effect on the local unit, and every idea advanced on the floor of the Board received thoughtful study before it was brought to a vote.

The National Board is composed of national officers, national committee chairmen, and state presidents.

A summary of action taken by the Board and the Executive Committee follows:

1936 Convention

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was chosen as the hostess city for the 1936 National Convention, May 11 to 15. This city was chosen by the Executive Committee after careful consideration of railroad facilities, geographical location, length of time since the Convention was last held in each region, and the Convention facilities offered by Cincinnati, Richmond, and Detroit—cities which also extended invitations.

September Board Meeting

Rapid City, South Dakota, was selected as the city for the semi-annual meeting of the National Board of Managers, September 17-19.

National Bylaws Revisions

Beginning in 1937, triennial elections will be discontinued, and national officers will be elected in three groups, an election to be held annually. The first group will consist of the president, first vicepresident, and secretary; group two, second, fourth, and sixth vicepresidents; group three, third, fifth, and seventh vicepresidents, and treasurer. In 1937, group one will be elected for three years; group two for two years; and group three for one year, with eligibility for re-election for one term. Subsequently no officer shall be eligible to more than one term in the same office.

Parent-Teacher Manual

A copy of the *Parent-Teacher Manual* will be furnished free next year to each local Congress unit having 50 members or less, and an additional free copy will be supplied for each additional 50 members. (*Manuals* will be distributed, as usual, through the state branch.)

Motion Pictures

Inasmuch as the principles of the motion picture program of the National Congress as re-affirmed in the 1935 Resolutions are embodied as a whole or in part in these bills, the Executive Committee voted to indorse H. R. 6472 (Pettengill Bill), and H. R. 2999 and H. R. 4757 (Culkin Bills). These bills are now pending before the Congress of the United States.

Hawaii Convention

Mrs. B. F. Langworthy, National President, was appointed to represent the National Congress at the convention of the Hawaii Congress of Parents and Teachers, June 10 and 11.

** A report of the National Convention appears in the July issue of the National Parent-Teacher, and the 1935 Proceedings will carry a complete account.*

ANNOUNCEMENT

Entering upon its third year, the *National Congress Bulletin* continues to have as its primary purpose the dissemination of current information about state and National Congress activities. To meet the demand of district and council presidents, the mailing list of the *Bulletin* has been expanded to include these two groups. The price remains the same—20 cents a year for the 10 issues.

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National Board Action—*Continued*

World Federation Convention

Mrs. Langworthy was also appointed to represent the National Congress at the biennial convention of the World Federation of Education Associations to be held in Oxford, England, August 10-17. The International Federation of Home and School, of which Mrs. Langworthy is a director for the United States, will hold a meeting in connection with the World Federation Convention. At the public meeting of the World Federation on Tuesday, August 13, on the topic, "World Citizenship Through Home and School," Mrs. Langworthy will speak on "The Contribution of the Parent-Teacher Group." She will sail from New York July 29 on the S.S. *Britannic*, and will return on the *Scythia*. Mr. Langworthy will accompany her.

Food and Drugs Bill

A telegram was sent by the National Board to the United States Senate urging that the socalled Clark and Bailey Amendments to the Copeland Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics Bill be rejected and that the Bill be speedily passed by the Senate with provisions insuring greatest consumer protection. (The Clark Amendment provides that the advertising provisions be placed under the Federal Trade Commission and the Bailey Amendments do away with multiple seizure.)

Note: This bill, retaining the amendments, was passed by the Senate on May 28 and has now been referred to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Cooperating Agencies

Because of the difficulty involved in attempting to prepare an inclusive list of national agencies that is specific, reliable, and helpful to state and local units, the present formal listing of organizations as cooperating agencies was discontinued. Selective information concerning all organizations active in the field of child welfare will be kept on file by a committee of the National Board of Managers and will be made available upon request to each state president.

Delinquent Dues

The procedure of listing dues as "delinquent" was abolished by the Board. Hereafter, membership dues reaching the National Office later than midnight of April 15, the close of the fiscal year, will be credited on the treasurer's books for the coming year. In the past "delinquent" dues have been credited on a special account, with the result that National Congress membership figures were sometimes at variance with those of the state branches.

American Council on Education

It was voted that the National Congress shall take out an associate membership in the American Council on Education. The Council is an organization of educational associations and institutions which encourages the advancement of American education in all its phases through voluntary cooperative action on the part of all its members. It strives to coordinate the fundamental policies and interests in education. Dr. George F. Zook, former U. S. Commissioner of Education, is director of the Council.

We record with deep sorrow the death of two National Board members, both of whom gave many years of faithful service to the Congress. Mrs. Joseph Mumford, Honorary Vicepresident, died on May 9, and Mrs. Charles H. Cooley, President of the New Jersey Congress, on May 21. Parent-teacher work has sustained a great loss in the passing of these two loyal workers.

For the Hall of Fame

The name of Mrs. Alice McLellan Birney, Founder of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, has been presented for consideration for the Hall of Fame of New York University, by our National President. At the Convention, in Miami, the delegate body added its indorsement, and a letter was sent to the Director asking that favorable consideration be given to Mrs. Birney's name.

Greeting to Mrs. Bailey

A telegram of greeting and appreciation for her services to the Congress was sent to Mrs. Fannie J. Bailey, 95 Eagle Street, Albany, New York, who was present at the first meeting in 1897, and who at 103 years of age continues to be an active and valued parent-teacher worker.

Highschool Study

A report of its recent study of highschool parent-teacher associations will be published by the United States Office of Education within the next few months. It will be sent free upon request. Address the United States Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

New Pamphlets

Pamphlets on councils and highschool parent-teacher associations will be prepared and published this fall by the National Congress.

Songsheet

A new songsheet will be prepared by the National Music Chairman, Mayme E. Irons, and printed to fill the temporary need. Plans will be continued for the compilation of a National Congress songbook, this to be considered further at the September Board meeting.

Annual Summary

The Annual Summary of Parent-Teacher Information will not be included in the *Proceedings* this year, but will be made available in some other form in the fall.

Radio

Mr. B. H. Darrow, National Chairman of Radio, announced three series of radio broadcasts for next year, the details of which will be published later.

Advisory Council on Radio in Education

The proffered membership in the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education was accepted by the National Board. The Advisory Council was organized in 1930 to further the art of radio broadcasting in education. It serves as a clearing house of information about educational broadcasting. Levering Tyson is secretary and director.

P.T.A. COURSES AT SUMMER SESSIONS

Conferences, institutes, and short courses in parent-teacher work, under the auspices of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers or conducted by its representatives, are offered at the summer sessions of a large number of colleges, universities, and teacher training institutions, among which are the following:

Date	*College*	*Conducted by*
June	2- 7	East Central Teachers College, Ada, Okla., Mrs. C E. Roe.
"	8-15	University of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. C. E. Roe.
"	16-22	University of Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. C. E. Roe
"	17-22	State Teachers College, Hattiesburg, Miss., Mrs. J. K. Pettengill.
"	24-28	State Teachers College, Shippensburg, Pa., Mr. John T. Webner.
"	23-28	Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Mrs. C. E. Roe.
July	1- 6	Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, Mrs. C. E. Roe.
"	8-12	University of Maryland, College Park, Mrs. J. K. Pettengill.
"	7-13	University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Mrs. C. E. Roe.
"	8-13	University of Vermont, Burlington.
"	14-20	University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., Mrs. C. E. Roe.
"	21-27	Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, Mrs. C. E. Roe.
Aug.	12-17	University of New Hampshire, Durham, Miss Frances S. Hays.
"	19-24	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Mrs. C. E. Roe.

Professor E. L. Fox, of Randolph-Macon College, will conduct a six-weeks' credit course in parent-teacher work at the University of Virginia, June 17 to July 27.

Alice Sowers will conduct a parent education course, June 18-28, at Denver University, Colorado, and July 8-13, at the Utah State Agricultural College, Logan.

Legislation

P.W.A. Grants and School Buildings—President Roosevelt has approved a recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Allotments providing for liberalization of the loan and grant terms on Non-Federal projects carried on by the P.W.A. under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935. Money may now be secured for school buildings on a more generous basis than heretofore. Grants may be made up to 45 percent instead of 30 percent as heretofore, with authority to vest in the Administrator of Public Works to recommend variations in the amount of the grant depending upon the circumstances in individual cases.

Motion Pictures—On June 6, Senator Matthew M. Neely, of West Virginia, introduced a companion bill to the Pettengill Bill, H. R. 6472, "to prohibit and to prevent the trade practices known as 'compulsory block-booking' and 'blind-selling' in the leasing of motion picture films in interstate and foreign commerce." The Neely Bill is S. 3012.

Child Labor Amendment—Twenty-four states have now ratified the Child Labor Amendment. States ratifying since January 1, 1935, are Idaho, Indiana, Utah, and Wyoming.

To the Skeptics

"To the Skeptics" is a parent-teacher play in one act by Stella K. Studner, recently published by Samuel French, 25 West 45th Street, New York City. Price 30 cents.

SUMMER MEETINGS

P.T.A. Section at N.E.A.

"A Guidance Program for Home and School" will be the subject of the parent-teacher section meeting, under the auspices of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, at the convention of the National Education Association, in Denver, on Wednesday, July 3. Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, First Vicepresident of the National Congress, will preside.

Following the section meeting, the Joint Committee of the Congress and the National Education Association will hold its semi-annual meeting to consider problems of concern to the two organizations. The sub-committee on high-school parent-teacher associations, under the chairmanship of Harry L. Langworthy, Superintendent of Schools, Gloversville, New York, will hold its first meeting afterward.

Joint Meeting

Mrs. J. K. Pettengill presided at a joint meeting of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the American Home Economics Association, in connection with the Home Economics Convention in Chicago, Tuesday, June 25, at the Palmer House.

P.T.A. Day at Chautauqua

Parent-Teacher Day will be observed at Lake Chautauqua, New York, sometime during the late summer, the exact date to be announced later. Mrs. Francis Blake, President of the New York Congress of Parents and Teachers, is in charge of local arrangements.

The New Hampshire Congress of Parents and Teachers is holding a section meeting at the State Superintendents' meeting, August 19-23, at Keene Normal School.

New State Presidents

Connecticut—Mrs. C. C. Kilby, 1 Warwarme Avenue, Hartford

Kentucky—Mrs. Beaumont W. Whitaker, 522 Murray Street, Frankfort

Louisiana—Mrs. Albert L. Smith, Winnfield

Michigan—Mrs. W. T. Sanders, 310 Palmer St., N. E., Grand Rapids

New Jersey— Mrs. Walter L. Bowen, 408 Thomas Avenue, Riverton

Utah—Mrs. Arch J. West, 373 E Street, Salt Lake City

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From Poona, India, comes the *Progress of Education* magazine, which quotes a problem from the "In our Neighborhood" department, from the February issue of the *National Parent-Teacher Magazine.*

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Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. L. Cass Brown, National Parliamentarian, and to Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols, National Chairman of Humane Education, who have recently lost their husbands. Mr. Brown died on March 29 and Mr. Nichols on May 16.

We are happy to report that Mrs. A. F. Wood, President of the Texas Congress, is recovering satisfactorily from a fractured leg sustained while she was attending the National Convention in Miami.

BIG MEMBERSHIP GAIN

Forty-three state branches, the District of Columbia, Alaska, and the Hawaiian Islands increased their P.T.A. membership last year by 261,793, bringing the total membership of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers to 1,727,703, at the close of the fiscal year April 15, 1935.

State	Active Membership
Alabama	26,855
Alaska	526
Arizona	7,796
Arkansas	27,749
California	196,959
Colorado	47,331
Connecticut	20,622
Delaware	5,783
District of Columbia	12,035
Florida	35,331
Georgia	37,329
Hawaii	7,938
Idaho	5,789
Illinois	111,631
Indiana	59,574
Iowa	40,693
Kansas	32,965
Kentucky	26,364
Louisiana	15,816
Maine	6,023
Maryland	8,258
Massachusetts	20,087
Michigan	52,563
Minnesota	40,167
Mississippi	11,810
Missouri	57,266
Montana	7,926
Nebraska	23,011
Nevada	345
New Hampshire	2,259
New Jersey	72,847
New Mexico	3,053
New York	90,198
North Carolina	45,015
North Dakota	10,566
Ohio	118,056
Oklahoma	19,011
Oregon	23,092
Pennsylvania	90,211
Rhode Island	9,029
South Carolina	7,773
South Dakota	11,328
Tennessee	37,719
Texas	96,537
Utah	5,298
Vermont	9,263
Virginia	26,549
Washington	40,889
West Virginia	36,808
Wisconsin	22,596
Wyoming	3,064
TOTAL	1,727,703

Illinois tops the list with 21,362 new members, the state's total membership now being 111,631. Ohio registers 20,100 members in the gain column, a total enrolment of 118,056.

West Virginia comes third with an increase of 17,614; Virginia fourth, with 17,503; and Texas fifth, with 15,129 new members.

California has the largest enrolment, a total of 196,959 members, a gain of 11,930 over last year's membership.

The National Congress has eleven new National Life members. California reported one, Indiana one, New York one, Ohio three, Pennsylvania one, Rhode Island one, Texas one, and Washington two.

Summer Round-Up Awards

Awards for achievement in the 1934 Summer Round-Up Campaign in their respective classes were presented to the following states at the Miami Convention:

Largest percentage of units carrying through the campaign:
N. J., N. Dak., New Hamp.

Largest percentage of children:
Immunized against diptheria:
Ala., Vt., Va.
Vaccinated against smallpox:
Ga., N. Car., Va.
Obtaining medical care:
D. C., Mass., N. Y.
Obtaining dental care:
Mass., New Hamp., N. Y.

Since the Summer Round-Up was inaugurated in 1924, a total of 505,336 children have been examined.

Correspondence Courses

Purpose — Correspondence courses are offered by the N.C.P.T. to supplement the instruction of national instructors in institutes, schools of instruction, and training classes. They are designed to familiarize parent-teacher workers with Congress purposes, methods, and procedures in conducting P.T.A.'s.

Subjects—Courses are now offered on the following subjects: The Parent-Teacher Organization, Program Planning, Publicity, Parliamentary Procedure, Councils, High-school Associations, and Our Public Schools.

Registration—Any Congress member may apply for registration for a course. Registration fee is $1.

Recognition—A certificate issued by the N.C.P.T., signed by the National President and the state president will be awarded to each person who successfully completes the course and turns in a satisfactory set of papers fulfilling the requirements for the course. Additional certificates for participants in group study may be had at 10 cents each.

Magazine Program Helps

"The Modern Parent Knows the School" is the subject of the parent-teacher program to be published in the *National Parent-Teacher Magazine* during the coming year.

The parent education study course to be published in the magazine will be on the subject, "The Progressive Home." This course, directed by Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt of the University of Cincinnati, is based on a series of eight articles by distinguished specialists, the first of which will appear in the September issue. Leaflets describing both the program and the study course will be sent by the magazine upon request.

Camp Cleghorn is Wisconsin's first summer recreation camp and conference for rural organization leaders and their families. The parent-teacher association had the largest number of representatives in attendance, many rural, county, and district presidents attending at their own expense last year.

The idea of combining a two-day summer camp and conference proved most worthwhile because there was time to discuss problems and even more important time for personal contacts with leaders of other rural groups who are faced with the same or similar problems.

A "Scrapbook of the Air" is featured as a part of the radio program of the Wyoming Congress. This 15-minute period of the 45 minute program is devoted to reading selections from "The P.T.A. at Work," "For Homemakers," and other excerpts from the *National Parent-Teacher Magazine* and the *Parent-Teacher Manual.*

In the March issue of *Educational Method,* B. H. Darrow, National Chairman of Radio, has a very interesting article entitled "Can the School Teach Discrimination in Radio Listening?"